

A complete set of the claims is submitted herewith, together with status indicators.

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) Binoculars according to claim [[1]] 14, wherein the rotary element (15) comprises an input portion of the gear transmission stage (16), and wherein on rotation of the rotary element (15) a drive takeoff portion (28) of the gear transmission stage (16) turns through at least twice the angular path.
3. (Currently Amended) Binoculars according to claim [[1]] 14, wherein the drive takeoff portion (28) of the gear transmission stage (16) passes over at most four times the angular path of the rotary element (15).
4. (Currently Amended) Binoculars according to claim [[1]] 14, wherein the gear transmission stage (16) comprises a sun wheel (29) which is connected to the rotary element (15) via an ~~internal~~ internally and externally toothed ring (21).
5. (Currently Amended) Binoculars according to claim [[1]] 14, wherein the gear transmission stage (16) comprises a spur gearing or a planetary gearing, the planet wheels of which are mounted stationary and rotatably.
6. (Currently Amended) Binoculars according to claim [[1]] 14, wherein the gear transmission stage (16) is arranged in the rotary element (15).
7. (Original) Binoculars according to claim 4, wherein the drive takeoff portion of the gear transmission stage (16) is fixedly connected to a shaft extension (31).
8. (Currently Amended) Binoculars according to claim [[1]] 14, with a rotary element, by the acuation of which axially displaceable lenses are displaced for focusing, wherein a central adjustment shaft (35) is provided which executes, on actuation of the rotary element (15), an axial movement which corresponds to the axial movement of the lenses (14).

9. (Currently Amended) Binoculars according to claim [[1]] 14, wherein the ~~displacement~~ adjustment shaft (35) is arranged on a hinge shaft (9) of the binoculars (1).
10. (Original) Binoculars according to claim 9, wherein the adjustment shaft (35) is mounted, displaceable axially, in a hinge bushing (11).
11. (Original) Binoculars according to claim 8, wherein the adjustment shaft (35) is provided with a rotation securement (39).
12. (Original) Binoculars according to claim 7, wherein the adjustment shaft (35) is provided at both ends with a helical gearing (51, 65).
13. (Currently Amended) Binoculars according to claim [[1]] 14, wherein the adjustment shaft (35) is in operative connection with a shaft (61) of a diopter compensation (53).
14. (New) Binoculars with a rotary element, by the actuation of which axially displaceable lenses are displaced for focusing, wherein the rotary movement introduced by the rotary element (15) is converted into a rotary movement with a greater rotation angle by means of a gear transmission stage (16), wherein the gear transmission stage (16) comprises a sun wheel (29) which is connected to the rotary element (15) via an internally and externally toothed ring (21), with a rotary element, by the actuation of which axially displaceable lenses are displaced for focusing, wherein a central adjustment shaft (35) is provided which executes, on actuation of the rotary element (15), an axial movement which corresponds to the axial movement of the lenses (14), with the sun wheel (29) being arranged coaxial to hinge shaft (9).

- 15 (New) Binoculars according to claim 14, wherein the binoculars comprise pocket binoculars with a rotary element by the actuation of which axially displaceable lenses are displaced for focusing.
- 16 (New) Binoculars according to claim 14, wherein the adjustment shaft (35) is secured against rotary movement.
- 17 (New) Binoculars according to claim 14, further comprising a shaft (61) that is allocated to diopetre compensation.
- 18 (New) Binoculars according to claim 14, comprising an engagement element (71) that is fixedly connected to a lens mount (67) which is mounted displaceable axially on a bearing shaft.
- 19 (New) Binoculars according to claim 14, wherein the sun wheel comprises a concentric wheel.